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SUBJECT: YOUR APPEARANCE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION.

TO SEC. OF STATE FROM ASST. SEC. LAISE

THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IN WASH.
D.C. TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE IN CONNEC-
TION WITH YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
MEDAL (BRUSSELS 4542) THE LEGION ANTICIPATES YOUR PERSONAL
APPEARENCE AT THEIR 56TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH
ON AUGUST 20 TO DELIVER A POLICY ADDRESS BEFORE 3000
LEGIONNAIRES.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HAS
BEEN AWARDED THE AMERICAN LEGION'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS "OUT-
STANDING SERVICE TO THE NATION," IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY
BY NATIONAL COMMANDER ROBERT E. L. EATON.

THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE LEGION'S 56TH ANNUAL
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NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA THE EVENING

OF AUGUST 20TH, AT THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET IN THE
GRAND BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL FONTAINEBLEAU.

VOTED BY RESOLUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION'S GOVERNING

BODY, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE AWARD RE-COGNIZES KISSINGER FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED BACKGROUND AS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AS A SCHOLAR, EMINENT HISTORIAN AND AN AUTHORITY ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. HE IS SPECIFICALLY CITED FOR "HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS TOWARD THE DISENGAGEMENT OF HOSTILE FORCES IN THE TROUBLE SPOTS OF THE WORLD," AND FOR HIS SUCCESS IN BRINGING TO REALITY THE CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SET THE STAGE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD BRING ALL MANKIND TO THAT LOFTY AND LONG SOUGHT GOAL OF PEACE WITH HONOR."

SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL RECEIVE THE HIGH LEGION HONOR FROM NATIONAL COMMANDER EATON AS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET, AND ANNUAL EVENT FOR LEGION DELEGATES AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. SISCO

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